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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Maxwell Savage has resigned at Lynn, Mass. to accept a call to the Second Parish of Worcester, Mass.

Rev. A. P. Reccord has resigned at Springfield, Mass., to accept a call to Detroit, Mich.

Rev. L. C. Carson has resigned at Montpelier, Vt., and will take charge of the church in Albany, N. Y., in September.

Rev. Addison Moore, D. D., has resigned at Schenectady, N. Y., and accepted a call to Chestnut Hill, Mass. He will also serve as the president of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in Boston.

Rev. J. D. O. Powers has resigned at Seattle, Wash., and Rev. L. A. Walker at Middleboro, Mass.

Rev. W. G. Letham has accepted a call to Winnipeg, Man., and Rev. T. C. Brockway to Barneveld, N. Y.

Rev. F. A. Gilmore has withdrawn from the Field Secretaryship of the Middle States to accept a call to Houlton and Presque Isle, Me.

Rev. W. L. McKinney has accepted a call to Passaic, N. J., and Rev. F. C. Doan has returned to the charge of the church in Summit, N. J.

Rev. V. D. Silliman has accepted a call to Iowa City, Iowa and Rev. L. D. Plank a call to Duluth, Minn.

Rev. John Day has resigned at Greenfield, Mass., to accept a commission from the Directors of the Association to visit Japan.

Buildings

Although the price of building materials and of labor shows no sign of reduction, a number of churches are preparing to revive their plans for new church edifices. All Souls' Church in Lowell, the combination of the Unitarian Church and the High Street Congregational Church, has accepted designs for a very considerable transformation of the present church building, involving the reconstruction of the old church and the addition of a commodious parish house on the vacant land behind the present building. The Society in Montclair, N. J., will restore its church, nearly destroyed by fire, and add a commodious Parish House. The churches in White Plains, N. Y., Brockton, Newton Centre and Christ Church, Dorchester, are busy with plans for new church buildings. The Society in San Antonio, Tex., is renewing its expectation of building a modest chapel. During the summer it is hoped that the

necessary alterations will be made in the house at 16 Beacon Street to fit it for the uses of the Association. The Book Room and the offices of the *Christian Register* will be established next fall on the ground floor. The Department of Religious Education and the Young People's Religious Union will probably occupy the next floors, and the top floor will be made into a dormitory for visiting ministers. The janitor's apartment will be in the basement.

Anniversary Week

The meetings of Anniversary Week were full of fine spirit and produced many significant and uplifting addresses. The attendance was apparently larger than ever before. The only way in which attendance can be measured is through the representation of the churches at the Annual Meeting of the Association. Last year there were present 852 delegates and Life Members and this year 964. Together with these official delegates there were of course hundreds and perhaps thousands of visitors who attended the meetings of other Societies or who sat in the galleries at the Annual Meeting of the Association, but who did not hold delegate tickets. The Societies represented at the Annual Meeting of the Association last year numbered 231 and this year 248.

The most impressive meeting of the week was that of the Laymen's League. The attendance overflowed Tremont Temple and an additional meeting was held in King's Chapel. The floor of Tremont Temple was occupied solidly by the men. The meeting of the Alliance also filled Tremont Temple and many of the other meetings in smaller places were crowded. Such meetings as those of the Ministerial Union and of the Massachusetts Convention of Congregational Ministers have not had so large an attendance in the memory of their oldest members.

One of the pleasant events of Anniversary Week was the presentation on behalf of a number of friends of a silver coffee urn and set to the Bulfinch Place Church, the urn inscribed as follows:

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH
IN APPRECIATION OF
TWENTY YEARS
OF
GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY
ANNIVERSARY WEEK
1900-1919

together with purses of money to Rev. and Mrs. Christopher R. Eliot and their two assistants, all of whom have worked at the Anniversary Week luncheons for all the twenty years.

Reports

The reports of the twelve Departments of the work of the Association, together with the final report of the War Work Council, were submitted in print to the Annual Meeting. Space does not permit of more than the barest summary here.

In the Department of Church Extension the Association has during the year that ended on April 30th administered the trust funds for twenty-seven of our churches. Direct aid has been voted to sixty-nine parishes and missions scattered all over the country and representing a great variety of constituency and opportunity. The officers and representatives of the Association have travelled widely over the country and visited a majority of all the churches. Naturally, very little new church construction has been possible, but the parish at Sanford, Maine, has dedicated a well appointed church; the Society at Omaha has completed a beautiful Georgian structure; the church at Ayer has been completely reconstructed; the Society at Schenectady has added to its plant a convenient church building; the interior of All Souls' in New York has been remodelled and redecorated; a new transept has been added at Weston, Mass.; a parish house has been acquired at Wellesley Hills, and parsonages at Dorchester and Chestnut Hill.

In the Department of New Americans the usual work has continued among

our Norwegian, Finnish, Icelandic and Italian fellow-citizens. Plans have been formulated for considerable increase, in the new fiscal year, in the Finnish work, and a mission will go to Iceland this summer in the hope of securing new ministers for the multiplying Icelandic churches in western Canada.

In the Department of Foreign Relations not much work has been possible, but things have gone forward successfully in Japan and in Italy, and friendly communications have passed between our Association and our fellow-workers in India, Brazil, Switzerland, Denmark, Scandinavia, and New Zealand. Special efforts have been made during the past spring to protect the interests of the Unitarian churches in Hungary which are threatened with serious disaster unless the terms of the peace treaty conserve the ancient privileges of religious freedom. Plans have been formulated not only to carry forward in the new year the work already going on but also to enter into a new cooperation with the Egyptian Unitarian Association.

In the Department of Comity and Fellowship the report notes the cooperation of the Association with the National Federation of Religious Liberals, with the Interchurch World Movement, with the Massachusetts Federation of Churches and the joining together in single organizations of the Unitarian and Congregational churches in Lowell and Pepperell, Mass., of the three churches in Sandwich, Mass., and of the Unitarian and Universalist churches in Atlanta, Ga.

In the Department of Publicity the secretary reports on the progress and use of the Wayside Pulpit and the work of liberal evangelism.

The report of the Library indicates the considerable use of the circulating library maintained by the Alliance and the Association, and in particular the increasing demand for the books listed in the special library of religious education.

In the Department of Ministerial Aid the report shows that aid to the amount of something over $5,000 has been granted during the year to 78 ministers and wives of ministers. Under the agreement with the Unitarian Service Pension Society pensions to the amount of $11,600 have been distributed to qualified beneficiaries. The capital of the funds for Ministerial Aid in the hands of the Association now amounts to about $172,000, and the endowment fund of the Unitarian Service Pension Society, of which the Association acts as trustee, amounts to nearly $153,000.

The committee in charge of the Church Building Loan Fund reports that during the year five loans to the amount of $18,000 were made. The returns from loans repaid amounted to nearly $20,000. There are now outstanding loans to sixty-six churches.

The final report of the War Work Council refers to the cooperation of the Council with the different war agencies, such as the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A.; to the work of the Christian Federation at Ayer, to the raising and disbursement of the Camp Devens Fund and the Chaplains' Fund, and to the fact that seventy Unitarian ministers have been in uniform in some branch of active service. The majority of these men have now returned to their normal activities.

Resolutions

The Resolutions adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Association were printed in full in the *Christian Register* of May 29th. In brief, these Resolutions are:

1. An appreciation of the new issues before the churches, developing through the war and the need of an effective League of Nations.

2. An expression of the need and the supreme obligation of Unitarians to proclaim at this time the principles of a reasonable, effective and reverent religion.

3. A resolution saluting with solemn gratitude and pride the "memory of the young men of our household of faith who went out to battle for the right and

who have gone on to new and greater adventures beyond our sight."

4. A resolution welcoming our returning sons and daughters.

5. An appreciation of the Laymen's League.

6. An approval of the action of the Directors of the Association in appointing Rev. Minot Simons to take charge of our missionary interests in the field.

7. A resolution congratulating the Editor and the Board of Trustees of the *Christian Register* and bespeaking for the *Register* a welcome in every Unitarian home.

8. An endorsement of the plans to appropriately celebrate next year the Tercentenary of the Landing of the Pilgrims.

9. A commendation to the generous good will of our people of a more adequate endowment to provide pensions for our aged ministers and for the widows of ministers.

10. A resolution in regard to the protection of religious freedom in Poland, Rumania and Hungary, and conveying greetings to the Hungarian Unitarians.

11. Instructions to the Secretary to convey in person greetings to the British and Foreign Unitarian Association.

12. A resolution asking for the employment of a Field Secretary in the Department of Religious Education.

13. A resolution asking consideration of the possibility of securing a trained leader of concerted singing to promote congregational singing in our churches.

14. A resolution endorsing movements to encourage and increase religious unity.

Treasurer's Statement

The report of the Treasurer of the Association indicated a steady gain in the generosity of the supporting churches and people. In round numbers the contributions of the Societies and individuals for the work of the Association rose from $58,000 last year to $60,000 this year. The income from the investments showed about the same proportional increase. The gifts and bequests for permanent endowment rose from $187,000 last year to $218,000 this year. The Directors of the Association, encouraged by these increases and by the expectation that at least two considerable bequests will be payable during the coming year, ventured to increase the Budget for the new fiscal year to the extent of $20,000. This includes provision for the new work in the Department of Church Extension under the direction of Mr. Simons and provisions for the Ministers-at-Large who are to constitute Mr. Simons' working staff.

Staff School

Arrangements have been completed for the carrying out of the plan for an intensive Training School for Ministers-at-Large at the buildings of the Hackley School at Tarrytown, N. Y., for two weeks, beginning June 23d. The plans have been worked out by a committee consisting of Dr. Eliot, Mr. Simons, Dr. Sullivan, Rev. Maxwell Savage and Prof. Henry Wilder Foote. Some thirty ministers, mostly of the younger men, have been invited to avail themselves of the facilities of this School. From these possible candidates commissions as Ministers-at-Large will be offered to not less than ten or more than fifteen, and in due course of time these Ministers-at-Large will be assigned to appropriate fields of service. At the Training School the instruction will not be by lecture but chiefly by way of conference, conducted by the students themselves. The themes to be considered are:

1. The minister as a parish organizer and leader.

2. The minister as a preacher and leader of public worship.

3. The minister as a citizen, a community worker and a social mediator.

4. The minister as a director of religious education.

5. The minister's personal qualifications.

6. A series of lectures on the Unitarian tradition and outlook.

Twenty candidates have accepted the invitation of the Committee and ten others have the invitation under advisement.

Department of Religious Education

The American Commission for Relief in the Near East, of which the Secretary of this Department is a member, spent several days, including Easter, in Jerusalem, visiting also Hebron, Bethlehem, Bethany, Jericho and the Jordan. The party of eighteen divided into four groups on leaving Jerusalem. Dr. Lawrance, with three others, went into Galilee, thence to Damascus and Aleppo. From that place their journey took them through Asia Minor along its southern coast, with trips into the mountains to points where relief stations have been or might be established. They expected to reach Constantinople by the end of May, and go at once to London where the whole Commission will reassemble, sailing June 20 for New York. If these plans are carried out, the Secretary will be back in ample time to give his course of lectures at the Chicago Institute July 15 to 25.

The program for the Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Society was carried out as announced. The weatherman visited upon us the one drenching downpour of rain during Anniversary Week, yet the number of delegates and life members present was only slightly less than usual, and the attendance was as large as last year. The President, Dr. Lawrance, was greatly missed, but his printed address was given to each delegate. Heart-felt greetings were sent him, with best wishes for the success of his trip and the hope of a safe return. The Vice-president, Mr. Bulkeley, of Leominster, presided at both sessions, conducting business and program with ease and despatch.

One of the important features of the day not announced on the program was the presence at the table where the Beacon Course books were exhibited of two trained Directors of Religious Education, who gave help on the problems of their schools to teachers and superintendents who stated their needs. This service, with the fine reports of the two committees, on Religion in the Home and on Sunday School Extension, furnished real help on the details of their work to the delegates in attendance.

The spirited singing at the morning devotional service gave good promise for the effect to be secured in Prof. H. Augustine Smith's "clinic" on hymns and services suitable for use in church schools, which promise was amply fulfilled. In his own masterly way Professor Smith led the hymns, making clear how they should be sung to suit children's voices, how instruction about hymn or music, author or composer, could add to their interest and value. The two services with their musical settings, "God of the Open Air" and the "Service of Commemoration" were greatly enjoyed, many of the readings and hymns having been selected from Unitarian writers and other modern sources. In order to use this material, which reflects the new spirit of the age, Professor Smith brought his own book, "Hymnal for American Youth," just off the press of The Century Company. The use of the book did not carry the approval of the Society for the book as a whole, as no one present had seen it. The parts of it which were used gave their own message and need no commendation. The merits claimed for it in the author's preface, that its music is good in quality and devotional in character, that its hymns and services have literary merit and are adapted to the spirit and needs of youth, are justified. It is, therefore, a deep disappointment to find in it hymns addressed to the Trinity and others carrying statements about Jesus which are not acceptable to our churches, and will preclude its use in our schools.

The two addresses at the afternoon session dealt with themes which offer the wide vision and high ideals needed by the teacher of religion. Both elicited

discussion which might have been extended with profit had time permitted. The Society was fortunate in securing the address of Dr. Herman H. Horne, giving true insight and experience on the question of the best way to develop the religious spirit in children.

Two of the speakers during the day reminded the delegates that the new Beacon Course needed to be used as a whole in our schools if its purpose for religious education is to be carried out. The survey made by the Sunday School Extension Committee of the schools in our fellowship shows that only a part of our schools use the course as a whole while many are using one or two books selected from it. The work in church schools will be more effective when a plan for religious education, continued through a series of years, is developed. It is such a plan which the Beacon Course offers. The way in which the different books furnish suitable material for training in national, industrial and world democracy was indicated in the address by the Associate Secretary.

Institutes

Programs for the three institutes for religious education, at Andover, the Shoals (Star Island), and Chicago are now ready and may be secured on application to this department. The privilege of meeting once more at Star Island is greatly appreciated, despite the increase in prices which the present cost of food and service demands. To make possible a larger attendance of teachers, all the lectures of the institute are placed between Monday noon and Saturday noon, and a special rate for those five days, fifteen dollars plus the one-dollar membership fee, has been granted. Application for rooms for this period or longer should be made to Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Box 343, Wellesley Farms, Mass., enclosing the $1.00 membership fee.

At Andover the terms for room and board are $10.00 per week, or $1.70 per day, with no membership fee. Room assignments may be secured by writing to Rev. Leon S. Pratt, Andover, N. H.

At Chicago, accommodations will be secured for those desiring to attend, at such rates as the applicant may designate, at or above $1.50 per day. To secure desired accommodations address Prof. Clayton R. Bowen at Meadville, Pa., until June 14; after that date Professor Bowen's address will be Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.

The Wayside Pulpit

The steady growth of the use of the Wayside Pulpit is very gratifying. The first announcement of it was made two years ago, when our churches were invited to join in the plan. The plan was put into operation a year ago last October. Since that time the number of churches using the Wayside Pulpit has steadily increased, and the influence of its utterances has widened enormously.

Basing his statement upon reports that have come from a large number of churches, Mr. Cornish, the Secretary of the Association, said in his Annual Report in May, 1919, that more than two million people every week read the sentences. This means that the Wayside Pulpit has already reached a place of incalculable influence. It attracts the attention of many people otherwise untouched by our churches. It has aroused so much enthusiasm outside of our fellowship that churches of other denominations have adopted it for their own use

In the meantime it is evident that some of our own churches need to be reminded of the plan. Essentially, it is this: our churches are invited to install bulletin boards of *a uniform size*. The Association prints sheets for all of these, a new sheet being provided for every week. More than one-third of all the churches of our fellowship have already gone into the plan. Again the other churches are invited to participate. Write to Henry Hallam Saunderson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, for full information.

Publication Department

The total production of tracts for the year ending April 30th was as follows: A. U. A. Series, 139,000; Memorable Sermons, 21,000; Religious Education Bulletins, 18,000; Social Service Bulletins, 12,000; Church Efficiency Pamphlets, 28,000; Religion for the New Age Series, 59,000; making a total of 277,000. In addition to this number, there were printed 51,000 War Work Council Publications; 399,450 miscellaneous sheets, together with 441,300 sheets of books, periodicals, and charge material; making a total of 1,119,250 sheets, or 24,440 more than during the corresponding period last year.

In the Memorable Sermons Series we have issued a Centenary Edition of Channing's famous Baltimore Sermon. A supplement to the tract catalog was issued, and 5,000 copies printed. Practically all these supplements have been distributed, and a new edition of the catalog will be issued in the fall. Eleven copies of Channing's "Discourses and Essays" have been forwarded upon request to theological students and settled ministers of various denominations, and outfits of books have been presented to seven libraries. We have also sent sets of books to camp libraries, and subscriptions to the "Christian Register" have been supplied, as last year, to reading-rooms in all parts of the country.

During the past year we have published the following books: "The Soul of America in Time of War", a compilation of addresses by fifteen Unitarian ministers; "America, Save the Near East", now in its third edition, by Abraham Mitrie Rihbany; "Our Debt to Great Britian", by Paul Revere Frothingham, D.D.; "The Thought of God in Hymns and Poems," by Frederick L. Hosmer, D.D. and William C. Gannett, D.D., consisting of two series, which have been out of print for some years, and a third new series; "Sketches of Some Historic Churches of Greater Boston", written by members of the Women's Alliance; "The Social Emphasis in Religious Education," by William I. Lawrance, Th.D.; "The Causes of Germany's Moral Downfall," by Robert J. Hutcheon; "The Vital Issues of the War," by Richard W. Boynton; and "A Manual for the Confirmation Class," by William I. Lawrance. We have taken over from The Pilgrim Press "The Winning of Religious Liberty", by Joseph H. Crooker, D.D. Lesson material for three separate grades has been added to The Beacon Course in Religious Education. We have published the teacher's manual and pupils' leaflets of "The Little Child in Sunday School", for ages four to five, by Clara T. Guild and Lillian B. Poor; the teacher's manual and pupils' leaflets of "God's Wonder World", for ages nine to eleven, by Cora Stanwood Cobb; and "Our Part in the World", for ages fifteen to seventeen, by Ella Lyman Cabot.

We have mailed over 70,000 circulars announcing our books, and, in addition to some 250 inches of advertising in WORD AND WORK, we have inserted 175 inches in such papers and magazines as the Boston Herald, Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly, Boston Transcript, San Francisco Bulletin, and *The Christian Register*.

The total sales of the past year, including Hymn Books, have amounted to 28,226 volumes. Thirteen more churches and societies have adopted the Hymn and Tune Book. We earnestly desire to bring this book to the attention of churches considering the adoption of a new hymn book, for we know of no other publication which is so rich in appropriate hymns and services.

Three churches have installed the Hymn and Tune Book during the month of May; Wollaston Unitarian Society, Wollaston, Mass.; First Congregational Society (Unitarian), Burlington, Vt., and Channing Religious Society, Newton, Mass.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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In Memoriam Abby A. Peterson April 20, 1919.

In the death of Abby A. Peterson The Alliance has lost a beloved and valued officer.

Her devotion to her liberal faith and to The Alliance was shown in her successful work as a Director for Massachusetts, where she formed and encouraged many branches, as chairman of the Southern Circuit Committee, as Vice-President of the Southern States East, also as the Superintendent of the Carolina Industrial School.

Wherever she went in this wide field to which her duties called her, she was welcomed as a dear friend, for she was always ready to give of herself whenever she could be of service.

Mrs. Peterson had to an unusual degree the gifts of sympathetic understanding, resourcefulness, optimism, and consecrated self-devotion, which were most conspicuous in her work at Dix House, Shelter Neck, North Carolina, where she gave to the utmost of her strength till the end:

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

Her fellow members of The Alliance wish to express their deep sense of loss and to put on record their appreciation of the strength and beauty of her character, her faithfulness to the highest principles, and her love of service, which made her the type of Unitarian woman we love and honor. Her memory will be our inspiration and her ideals the inspiration of all who come after us.

(Adopted at the annual meeting, May 21, 1919.)

The Anniversaries

In the large numbers present, in the spirit and enthusiasm manifested, in the addresses given, the meetings of 1919 are among the best of our history. At Tremont Temple on Monday afternoon the speakers faced an inspiring, animated, responsive audience of 2200.

After the devotional service, led by the Rev. Harry Foster Burns, Miss Lowell introduced Rev. John H. Lathrop, who spoke of Our Missionary Opportunity, telling of the possibilities for service with new Americans, speaking from his own experience and giving results of the work of the Church of the Saviour in Brooklyn. Mr. Lathrop made his listeners feel a desire themselves to undertake efforts of the same nature.

Dr. William L. Sullivan showed Our Missionary Opportunity in Italy, the land where the doctrine of absolute liberty of conscience arose. Through the efforts of Mr. Conte, Mr. Murri, and others, the word of liberal religion has been organized sturdily and hopefully, and now is our opportunity to help the soul of Italy realize itself and reach a purified Christianity.

A collection for our missionary work was then taken, amounting to $513. While the collection was being taken songs were rendered by Mrs. Taglialatela, of Boston, the president of our one Alliance branch of Italian women.

The Rev. Charles E. Park made clear Our Missionary Opportunity in the Rising Generation. We should see that what the children have is authoritative, not doubtful, the clear cut moral message and spiritual gospel. Preserving what is best and holiest in the past history of the race, and availing ourselves of the great resources of symbolism, of beauty and romance, we should lay down certain fundamental basic principles in Sunday School and Young People's Religious Union, remembering that the concrete is easy,

but following a disembodied ideal is hard.

The audience joined heartily in the singing of the hymns, and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Park.

On Wednesday, May 21st, the 29th annual meeting of The Alliance opened with a devotional service conducted by Miss Lowell. A welcome to the First Church was extended by Mrs. Arthur W. Moors, the president of its Alliance branch.

Miss Low offered a resolution in appreciation of Mrs. Peterson, which was adopted by the members standing. The resolution is printed elsewhere in these columns.

Then followed the annual reports of President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer's report with that of the Auditing committee, was accepted.

Mrs. Davis, in place of an annual report, made an earnest appeal for renewed emphasis on the spiritual side of our work.

A telegram of greetings was received from the Southern Section of the Pacific Coast Conference, assembled in Los Angeles, and the meeting voted to send return greetings.

Three addresses followed containing suggestions for service. Mrs. Oscar C. Gallagher, president of the Alliance branch at the Church of the Disciples, Boston, spoke of "A Venture in Friendliness," telling how a church surrounded by apartment houses made itself a power in the neighborhood, binding the families to one another and to the church in mutual helpfulness.

Miss Roberta M. West, of Philadelphia, showed ways of keeping the woman power of the country effective, paying tribute to the marvelous service rendered by women's war organizations. Let women use their imagination and vision in conserving human life. There is need in country places of classes in hygiene and sanitation, such as are conducted under Red Cross auspices in large centers. Women may well direct their attention to the lines that belong to women, improving welfare conditions, making education more effective, keeping the ear attuned to the cry of humanity.

Dr. Crothers appealed to The Alliance to use its great power, manifested in the large audience before him, to help heal the hurts of war and bring in peace between the nations.

One of the things The Alliance can do is to turn towards the Unitarians in Hungary and help them re-establish their churches and their common life.

Dr. Crothers showed the danger to our Republic from old racial animosities, begging that we purge ourselves from dead works that we may serve the living God. "The most effective work for the next generation will be groups of people like this, loyal to one another, who have caught the vision of the new world that is in the making."

On motion of Mrs. Davis a resolution of sympathy and greeting to the Unitarians of Transylvania was unanimously voted.

On recommendation of the Executive Board, the following resolution, which had been presented by Mrs. Grosvenor Dawe, was unanimously adopted:

"That the Alliance women make it their business the coming year to survey systematically the Sunday School situation and put into operation a progressive campaign for the enlargement of our Sunday Schools and the making of young Unitarians."

A resolution was adopted conveying greetings to the International Union of Liberal Christian Women, with the hope expressed that we may now resume more active relations and carry forward our common work.

The Credential committee reported 457 accredited delegates, including 57 life members, from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Louisiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Washington, California, and Canada.

The Election committee reported 393 ballots cast and the entire list of officers and directors as presented by the Nom-

inating committee was declared elected.

The President spoke in appreciation of the efforts of the Nominating committee. The meeting adjourned at 12.30 o'clock.

The attendance at the business session was the largest on record, 1322 having been admitted to the church, while others were turned away from the door, and 452 Alliance women attended the luncheon at Hotel Vendome. Clarence Knowles, President of the Hale Class of Christ Church, Dorchester, described in a few simple words the feelings of the young man who has returned from war service. Chaplain Akin of Camp Dix, begged that our churches strive to reach young people with the things which interest them; an evening service opened with a good sing, a study in character, illustrated perhaps by moving pictures, a brief address on the same subject, and a social hour.

Mrs. Wendte read a letter from Mme. Loyson, showing the possibilities of reconstruction in France, which this devoted worker may carry on with our help.

The meeting broke up for conferences of the several committees.

The Cheerful Letter and Post Office Mission Conferences on Thursday were likewise well attended.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held May 16 at the Tuckerman School for Parish Workers, 33 West Cedar Street, Boston, Miss Lowell presiding. Members were present from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Nebraska, Canada.

Mrs. Davis reported her recent visit to Rochester, Buffalo, Fredonia, Jamestown, Hamburg, and Ithaca, N. Y., announcing the admission of a second branch in Jamestown, the Adelphians. At Sioux City, Ia., Unity Guild has become a branch of The Alliance, as has the society of Finnish women at Virginia, Minn. The Board sent a letter of welcome to this group, many of whom do not speak English, who are very enthusiastic over the connection with other Unitarian women.

The President spoke of our great loss in the death of Mrs. Peterson on April 20, and read a touching letter signed by eight members of the branch at Shelter Neck, N. C.; also a resolution framed by Miss Low to be presented at the annual meeting.

Miss Lowell has attended the past month a neighborhood meeting at Fitchburg, Mass., meetings at Toledo, Ohio, Madison and Milwaukee, Wis., and the Western Conference at Detroit, Mich.

The Treasurer's report was like that of a Victory Drive, increased receipts from memberships, all Appeals oversubscribed, additional contributions for war relief disbursed to Mrs. Weller, Mme. Loyson, Mrs. Riddett, Miss Herford and Miss Van Eck for their Correspondence bureau, and to the fund for Fléville, France, which Washington and other Middle States branches are raising. To the Service Pension Society 211 branches have this year contributed $2,417.

Mrs. Daniel H. Lane and Miss Louisa H. Abbott of Boston, Mrs. George H. Hazeltine of Winchester, and Mrs. Walter A. Peck of Providence have become life members.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Miss Mary Jackson Osborn by Brighton branch; Mrs. Timothy Winn, Woburn, by her daughter; Mrs. Ella V. R. Andrews by Winchendon branch; Miss Elizabeth Thurber by Plymouth; Miss Fannie C. Damon by Ashby.

Miss Sawyer, Miss Lowell, Mrs. Atherton, Miss Breed, Miss Ranstead, were appointed a committee to co-operate with the Baltimore Alliance in preparing for the General Conference meetings in October. The plans include a meeting of the Executive Board Tuesday, October 14, at 10 A.M., followed by an open conference on matters of interest to The Alliance at 2.30 P.M., and an Alliance luncheon Wednesday, October 15.

Miss Lowell, Miss Blanchard, and Miss Whitman were made a committee

to arrange for a meeting at the Isles of Shoals, July 16.

After luncheon served in the attractive dining-room of the Tuckerman House, Mrs. Keyes, who was the guest of honor, spoke of her regret at giving up her office as vice-president and severing her connection with the Board, and told of her lifelong interest in Unitarianism, having begun her active service for it as private secretary to her father, Dr. Reynolds, when he was Secretary of the American Unitarian Association. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Keyes for her splendid service to The Alliance, and special mention was made of her successful efforts towards getting the elevator for the building at 25 Beacon Street. Regret was expressed at losing from the Board the valued members who retire at this time.

The purpose of the Tuckerman School was explained and members had an opportunity to meet the Dean, Mrs. Guild, and were shown over the house.

The next regular meeting will occur June 13.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Carolina Industrial School

The Trustees feel themselves fortunate in having secured Miss Mary Nichols of Danvers, Mass., to take up Mrs. Peterson's work. This work must go on as a memorial of Mrs. Peterson by the urgent request of many of her friends and neighbors in North Carolina. Money may be sent to Mr. J. Russell Abbott, Treasurer, P. O. Drawer, No. 2, Boston, Mass.

Junior Fellowship Notes

All Junior Alliances, whose names are in the Manual, were asked to send copies of their annual reports to the chairman of this committee, and not quite half responded. Let every Junior Alliance secretary bear this in mind, and be ready to send a report next year early in April.

Winchendon, Mass. We are glad to welcome one more new group, the Unity Junior Alliance of Winchendon, with the following officers: Pres., Miss Bertha Folsom; Sec., Miss Ruth Wheeler; Treas., Miss Adelaide Sherman.

St. Paul, Minn. Our members have worked with the senior branch doing Red Cross work, have supplied the flowers for the church each Sunday, helped pay for the minister's gown, given new plates for the collection, and are supporting a French orphan. We hold an annual sale in December.

Windsor, Vt. The play of "The Bride and Groom" was successfully presented in this town and two adjacent ones, and $112 was cleared. Of this, we gave $27 to our minister as an Easter gift. We have done much Red Cross work and knitting, and are now making articles for the senior Alliance fair in September. We have two Junior babies, and it is our custom to present a bank book with five dollars to each new baby. We prepared four boxes of goodies, etc., and sent three to soldiers in this country, and one to a hospital in France. In winter, we had sleighrides, tobogganing and snow-shoeing parties, and in summer one of our senior assistants gave us the use of her cottage at Lake Sunapee.

From Professor Furness

Tokyo, Japan,
Feb. 1, 1919.

(*Concluded*)

There is so much poverty here, so much need of bringing to the people a happier outlook on life and making them feel social responsibility this is what impresses me always when I think of the Japanese. And this is where I think that our church, which lays the emphasis upon right living rather than upon one's particular theological beliefs, and is accustomed to this feeling of social responsibility and understands how peoples develop, has a wonderful opportunity in setting the example at least, which the other churches will doubtless follow and which some Japanese are themselves doing in a small way.

I wish that I could impress this need upon you. I wish that we could send out a social worker, perhaps more than

one, a man and a woman, who could direct this work. If we had the money to provide a house and two or three visiting nurses and two or three social workers, I feel sure that we should do a very great work helping the Japanese in whom so many Americans are very much interested. I think if such a social settlement could be established and there were funds enough to run it successfully that the Japanese themselves would quite quickly catch the idea. I wish very much that our church could do this.

I could say many more things to you, but this is quite enough for one letter.

CAROLINE E. FURNESS.

News from the Branches

From Baltimore, Md.: A drive for members in Baltimore has resulted in the hundred entitling Maryland to a director of its own. The Post Office Mission committee here is trying a return postcard system, placing the cards in the church pews so that strangers if interested may give name and address to which literature shall be sent. The Alliance is already preparing for the great event of the autumn when the General Conference is to meet in Baltimore.

From Wheeling, W. Va.: We felt proud when at a recent meeting eight of the *twelve* members and two visitors were present. Each read or told the thing that had most interested her the past few weeks, poem, short story, etc. A varied and interesting program resulted.

From Meadville, Pa.: A good way to save pennies is to give each member a sunshine bag into which she is to put a penny every day the sun shines. We feel that this year of work for others has enriched us wonderfully, and that the bread cast on the waters has already returned. The Meadville branch sends greetings and rejoices with all other Alliances at the triumph of right over wrong and the establishment of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men.

From New Orleans, La.: Besides all our war work, the branch has been very active in keeping up the interest in our church and its needs. We had an experience meeting at our opening this fall, at which all our members told how they had, during the summer months, been able to make some money and turn it over to our treasurer, so as to pay our scholarship to the Carolina Industrial School, and for new hymnals, which were much needed at our Sunday services. Our branch now numbers sixty-two members and we count them over and over wishing we could enroll enough to give us the coveted directorship. Our beloved president works without rest and with the greatest enthusiasm and does more than her share to keep us all interested and busy, but even her zeal cannot produce more members. However, our little group is working hard and is doing its share to spread liberal religion throughout our Southland. We are helping in Southern Circuit work and in the Carolina Industrial School. But the greatest difficulty lies in the impossibility of getting into personal touch with the members of the widely separated Unitarian communities. I must add too that we are also active in Post Office Mission, especially the distribution of sermons and tracts through a rack in the church and through boxes placed in railroad stations and two of the large department stores in the city. We have also put some repairs and improvements on our Alliance House and have assisted the treasurer of the church with a snug little sum, besides making a contribution to the Ministers' Pension Fund and to ten of the Appeals listed in WORD AND WORK. So you see, we have not been idle, but have been able to do a good many necessary things besides the war work. (And this was the first branch to contribute to the Chaplains' Fund.)

Kansas City, Mo.: The Missouri Valley Associate Alliance met at Kansas City, Mo., May 9, 1919. Miss Frances A. Howard, director, was present from Wichita, and several members from Lawrence and Topeka, Kans. After an address by Miss Howard and the branch reports, Mrs. Homer Foltz of Topeka gave a paper on Masters of the World.

Rev. L. M. Birkhead of Kansas City concluded the morning session with an address on Julia Ward Howe. Luncheon was served by the Junior Alliance of Kansas City. In the afternoon an address on The Functions of The Alliance was given by Mrs. Rafalsky of Wichita, and one by the Educational Director of John Taylor Dry Goods Co. of Kansas City, Miss Wray. The next meeting will be held in Topeka with Wichita and Topeka branches as hostesses.

Colorado Springs, Col.: A Fellowship meeting of the Colorado Unitarian churches was held at Colorado Springs May 3 and 4. Addresses by laymen urged that Unitarians be more aggressive in spreading their belief either by giving out the printed word or by inviting people to attend services. Rev. Paul McReynolds of Greeley gave an address on a Vision of the Future, Mr. Rehm of Colorado Springs one on The Open Road. Rev. Mr. Weil of Denver made a plea for signposts along the way of this Open Road. The meetings were concluded at So. Cheyenne Canyon with a session in the interests of the Sunday School and that of the Associate Alliance. Reports from the different Alliance branches showed much good work done, a letter from Lloyd Alliance of Salt Lake City giving the good news that they have made the last payment on the bill for the paving in front of the church. "It was a most profitable conference. The delegates were royally entertained at the homes of the members of All Souls Church."

San José, Cal.: At the spring meeting of the Associate Alliance of Northern California held in San José it was voted to ask the American Unitarian Association to send speakers of national reputation to the Pacific Coast and to ask the National Alliance to help further this effort. Reports were presented by delegates from Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, Sacramento, San Francisco, San José. Rev. O. P. Shrout gave a stirring address upon "The Challenge of the Times," which the San José Alliance agreed to have printed for distribution.

From Texas; Houston: The society meets every other week on Sunday evenings in a private house that has been purchased. There is a pleasant room for the service, with a raised platform in one corner on which is the pulpit. The Alliance has bought chairs and now from a rummage sale has raised enough money to buy a second-hand piano. At a recent meeting addressed by the Texas director, Mrs. Willis, of Dallas, a drive for members was started with enthusiasm. The cry is for a settled minister.

At San Antonio Mrs. Willis was cordially welcomed. Here is an earnest minister ready to lead in all good movements. Here too an effort is being made for more members. The new church building is ardently longed for. Services are better attended each month.

In Dallas the spirit of devotion to the church is felt in every report. The Alliance joins with all the campaigns that are started for any good purpose. Sunday vesper services are proving most helpful.

The Green Harbor Alliance will hold its annual fair in Grace Chapel, August 6 and 7, 1919. Contributions will be gratefully accepted and should be sent to Mrs. B. M. Marden, Green Harbor, Mass.

The Stoneham Alliance wishes to express its gratitude to those branches who so generously helped its Easter Sale by contributing to the "Mystery Trays." "Thank you, one and all."

The memorial sermon, given by King's Chapel to the Post Office Mission, is ready for distribution. Committee chairmen are urged, when sending this sermon to correspondents, to tell them that they also can have more copies if they desire: in this way each correspondent will become the center of a new circle of readers.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, *President*

Miss Minnie Packard, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

The Annual Meeting

With one of the most enthusiastic and largely attended gatherings in recent years, the twenty-third annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union, was held on Friday afternoon of Anniversary Week at the Second Church, Boston. Features of the meeting were the pledging of nearly $700 toward the support of the organization in a few minutes and a number of very encouraging reports from the field.

In her report the field secretary announced that 29 new unions and one federation had been formed during the year. Reports from the district supervisors showed signs of increased activity in nearly all parts of the country.

The following list of officers was elected for the ensuing year:

For President, Rev. Houghton Page, Hingham, Mass.

For Vice-Presidents, Miss Dorothy Dyar, Berkeley, Cal.; Miss Helen E. Flood, Vineland, N. J.; Miss Emily Hargrave, Allston, Mass., Rev. Chas. F. Potter, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Rev. Curtis W. Reese, Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Marion Minthorn, Buffalo, N. Y.

For Secretary, Miss Minnie Packard, Quincy, Mass.

For Treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, Boston, Mass.

For Directors, Rev. Nelson J. Springer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Wellesley Farms, Mass.; Miss Ruth E. Garwood, Meadville, Pa.; Miss Helen Tufts, Exeter, N. H.; Rev. B. F. Allen, Hackensack, N. J.; Hon. Sanford Bates, Boston; Mr. J. Wilmon Brewer, Hingham, Mass.; Miss Mary Lawrance, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Elizabeth L. Moseley, Brighton, Mass.; Mr. Frederick G. May, Jr., Dorchester, Mass.; Rev. Howard C. Gale, Norwell, Mass.; Mr. J. Harry Hooper, Dorchester, Mass.; Mr. Henry Burkland, Boston, Mass.; Miss Esther Cutter, Dedham, Mass.; Mr. Alden V. Keene, Watertown, Mass.; Miss Katharine Glidden, Dorchester, Mass.; Mr. Howard Searles, Marlboro, Mass.

The afternoon address was given by Rev. Charles F. Potter of Wellesley, and following the business meeting an enthusiastic sing was held under the leadership of Fred W. Archibald of Waltham. Through the hospitality of the Boston and South Middlesex Federations a collation was served the delegates. A portion of the supper hour was taken up with short, informal addresses dealing with work in the field and kindred subjects.

Rev. Minot L. Simons of Cleveland, Ohio, delivered a stirring address, at the evening sessions, the keynote of which was loyalty. There was singing by a young people's chorus.

On Saturday morning delegates from a distance were treated to a sight-seeing trip around Boston and in the afternoon and evening the second annual field day and dance was held at Spring Grove, Wellesley. A large number attended and a series of sports was run off by a committee from First Parish, Cambridge.

$700.00 Raised

The above amount was raised at the meeting of the Young People's Religious Union on May 23rd.

The following Unions pledged the amounts set against their names:

Wellesley, Mass.	$50.00
Channing Guild, Newport, R. I.	35.00
Nathaniel Hall Society, Dorchester	25.00
Hopedale, Mass. (Guild A. Kempis)	25.00
Boston Federation	50.00
Marlboro, Mass.	25.00

Hingham, Mass., (Old Ship Church)	$35.00
Needham, Mass.	25.00
New Bedford, Mass.	15.00
Wollaston, Mass.	25.00
Mrs. Cushman (personal)	25.00
Yarmouth, Maine	15.00
Brockton, Mass.	15.00
Vineland, N. J.	15.00
Winkley Guild, Boston, Mass.	25.00
Bernardston, Mass.	15.00
Northfield, Mass.	15.00
Burlington, Vt.	15.00
Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass.	25.00
First Parish, Cambridge, Mass.	25.00
Exeter, N. H.	15.00
Winchester, Mass.	20.00
Saco, Maine	15.00
Lancaster, Mass.	15.00
Woburn, Mass.	15.00
Dedham, Mass.	15.00
Pittsfield, Mass.	15.00
Brighton, Mass.	15.00
Collection, evening meeting	50.00
	$700.00

What will the rest of the Unions do? It was the sense of the meeting that these pledges should be redeemed before the first of March, 1920.

O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE,
Treasurer.

Boston Federation Elects

At the annual meeting of the Boston Federation, held Sunday afternoon and evening, April 27, at Barnard Memorial the following officers and committees were elected for the next year:

President, Danforth B. Lincoln, Nathaniel Hall Society.

Vice-President: Henry S. Anderson, Charles E. Park Guild.

Secretary: Katharine Glidden, Nathaniel Hall Society.

Treasurer: William Holbrook, Nathaniel Hall Society.

Friendly Service Committee: Pauline Bennett, Lawrance Union, chairman; Henry B. Burkland, Barnard Memorial; Bernice Woodcock, Winthrop; Esther Cutter, Dedham; Doris Turner, Wollaston; Inza Boles, Channing; Lillian Hunter, Charles E. Park Guild.

Social Committee: Susie Collins, Theodore Weld Union, chairman; Winslow Weston, Wollaston; John Ballou, Winthrop; Mrs. J. Harry Hooper, Nathaniel Hall Society; Emma J. Lang, Winckley Guild; Judith Page, Wollaston; Ruth Sawyer.

Membership Committee: J. Harry Hooper, Nathaniel Hall Society, chairman; Ruth Bennett, Lawrance Union; Leila Boles, Channing; Arthur G. White, Nathaiel Hall Society; Cora Vose, Wabeno Union.

Ways and Means Committee: Minnie Packard, Quincy, chairman; Malcolm Merrick, Disciples Guild; Eliot Grant, Nathaniel Hall Society; Emma Block, Channing; Ina Brown, Christ Church.

The evening service was led by the newly elected president, Danforth B. Lincoln and Rev. Edward Cotton, an overseas secretary of the Y. M. C. A. gave an address "With the Marines at the first battle of Chateau Thierry."

Young People at the Shoals

Local societies are urged to pay the expenses of at least one delegate to the series of young people's meetings to be held at the Isles of Shoals on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 12, 13 and 14. Full information concerning the program and the expenses involved may be secured at Y. P. R. U. headquarters.

The Western Trip

Encouraging reports are coming in concerning the trip West taken by the Field Secretary, Miss Packard, in May, an itinerary of which was published last month. Among the results to be noted are new societies formed in Omaha, Nebraska; DesMoines, Iowa, and Toledo, Ohio. The Junior Alliance in Indianapolis voted to join the Y. P. R. U. and the young people in Ann Arbor voted a contribution to the parent body.

Send in Your New Officers

Every local society is asked to send at once to the Y. P. R. U. a full list, including the addresses, of its newly elected board of officers.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President*, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, *Vice-President*, Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary*, 301 Brattle Building, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer*, 27 Richwood Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

THE VERDICT

One of the most convincing documents in favor of prohibition has just been produced by a committee of prominent Boston citizens of which President Lemuel H. Murlin of Boston University is chairman and Professor John M. Barker, Secretary. Former Governor John L. Bates, George W. Coleman and Henry I. Harriman are other members of the committee.

This committee secured testimony from the most reliable and representative sources in twenty-eight dry states with regard to the success or failure of prohibition. The Governors of twenty-six states give a verdict for prohibition. One Governor registered himself against prohibition and one failed to reply. A typical reply is from Governor John H. Bartlett of New Hampshire who says, "Conditions have been so much better under prohibition than under license that many former believers in license are now outspoken for prohibition. We confidently expect even better results after July 1." The comparative arrests for drunkenness in our eight largest cities which were formerly license are:

May, 1917 to March, 1918, under license _____ 6,987

May, 1918 to March, 1919, under prohibition ____ 1,547

Governor Ernest Lister of Washington reports: "There has been a marked improvement in conditions. Even in the larger cities such as Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma, the sentiment for prohibition is much stronger today than ever before."

Mayors of the ten largest cities under prohibition made similar reports. Mayor Couzens of Detroit, the largest city in the world under prohibition, reports: "Prohibition has brought a decrease not alone in drunkenness, but in larceny, disorderly conduct, assault and battery, non-support, vagrancy, etc. — a decrease in all punishable misdemeanors of 26,140 over the previous year. Admissions to the poorhouse have decreased from 2,214 to 800. Deaths from alcoholism have decreased from 92 to 17. Savings deposits have increased over $25,000,000."

These and reports from chiefs of police from many cities are included in the pamphlet entitled "The Verdict," copies of which may be had by addressing the secretary of the Unitarian Temperance Society.

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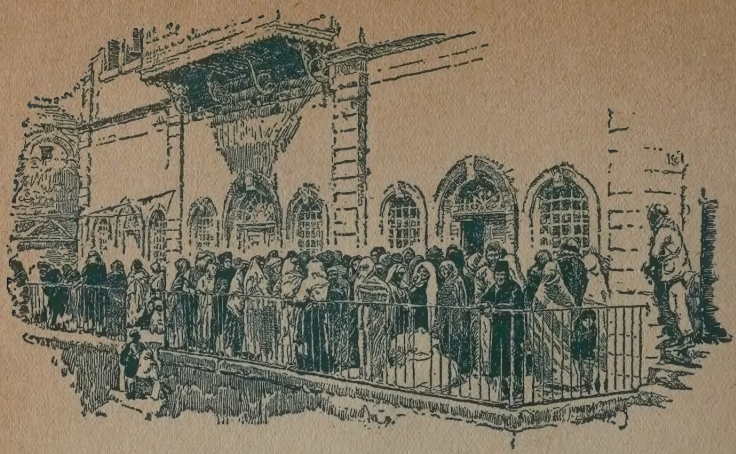

Syrian refugees from the villages near the Northern Front trenches, lined up for bread tickets given them by a member of the American Colony who was working in connection with the Syrian and Palestine Relief Fund.

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